



# CALLING THE SHOTS

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## Provider Profile Update 2002

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Immunization Program (NIP) requires that all

Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers update their provider profile annually, at minimum. In order to comply with the National Program's requirements, provider enrollment and profile forms will be distributed to all VFC providers by the first week of November 2002. These forms must be completed and returned to the Hawaii Immunization Program (HIP) by December 31, 2002. Providers who do not submit updated enrollment and profile forms may have their VFC enrollment inactivated. However, VFC enrollment status may be reactivated once your updated enrollment and profile forms are received. In addition to the enrollment and profile forms, this year's update packet will include:

- Benchmark forms (with instructions)
- Provider's vaccine ordering history (7/1/01 through 6/30/02)
- Provider's most recent profile on record with the Hawaii Immunization Program (HIP)
- Summary of vaccines administered by the provider for the period 7/1/01 through 6/30/02, based on information collected from the Vaccine Administration Visit Records (VAVR) submitted by the provider

New to the update packet is an individualized summary of vaccine doses administered by provider for the period 7/1/01 through 6/30/02. This information may be useful in completing Section B of the provider profile, for those providers who have routinely submitted correctly completed VAVRs. Providers who have **not** submitted VAVR forms for VFC or Teen Vax vaccines administered, who have **not** submitted VAVR forms in a timely manner (at least every 2 weeks), or who have submitted incorrectly completed VAVR forms, may see a discrepancy between the number of doses of vaccine received from HIP and the number of doses of vaccine administered.

The Hawaii Immunization Program staff is working hard to make the annual provider profile update as effortless as possible. Look forward to receiving additional information in your provider profile update packet.

## Flu Vaccine



HIP has received its full shipment of VFC flu vaccine. Use the VFC vaccine order form to request flu vaccine for your VFC eligible population. Please refer to "Talk to the Doc" for details on flu vaccine availability for VFC eligible children.



## Mark Your Calendars:

**VFC Program Update: Current News and Info**  
**Monday, October 28, 2002, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**  
**Department of Health First Floor Boardroom**

Presenters: Loriann Kanno, PharmD; Scott Nishimoto, Epi Specialist; and Heather Winfield-Smith, Epi Specialist

Topics will include:

- VFC Program overview
- 2001-2002 VFC/AFIX site visit immunization assessment data summary
- 2001-2002 VFC/AFIX site visit vaccine management data summary

**Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases**  
**Thursdays, February 13, 20, 27, & March 6, 2003**

A 4-session LIVE video conference broadcast statewide.  
Time/Locations to be announced.

Topics will include:

- Principles of vaccination
- General recommendations on immunization
- Immunization strategies for healthcare providers
- Vaccine safety issues

Details to come. For more information, call Judy Strait-Jones at 586-8321.



# TALK TO THE DOC...

By Marcia M. Nagao, M.D., M.P.H.

**I opened a multidose vial of EIPV vaccine today. Do I need to discard the vial after 30 days, even if there are doses remaining?**

No. Multidose vials of vaccine may continue to be used until the vaccine expiration date, as long as the vial is not contaminated and is stored at the appropriate temperature.

**I've heard that influenza vaccination is *encouraged* for healthy infants ages 6 - 23 months. Will flu vaccine be available through the VFC program for these infants?**

Healthy VFC-eligible children ages 6-23 months will be eligible for influenza vaccine through the VFC program effective March 1, 2003 *for vaccine to be administered in the 2003-04 and subsequent influenza vaccination seasons*. In addition, VFC-eligible children aged 2-18 years who are household contacts of children aged less than 2 years will also be eligible for VFC-influenza vaccine in the 2003-04 influenza season and beyond.

For the **current** 2002-2003 influenza season, flu vaccine will be available through the VFC program **only** for VFC-eligible children in the following categories:

Children 6 months through 18 years of age:

- With chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems, including asthma.
- Who have required regular medical follow-up or hospitalization during the preceding year because of chronic metabolic diseases (including diabetes mellitus), renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies, or immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications).
- Who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy and may therefore be at risk for developing Reye syndrome after influenza.
- Who are household members of persons in high-risk groups (e.g. the elderly, transplant recipients, and persons with AIDS).
- Who are residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities that house persons at any age who have chronic medical conditions.
- Adolescent females (<19 years of age) who will be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of pregnancy during influenza season.



**STATE OR  
FEDERALLY  
FUNDED VACCINES**

## VFC or Private?



Recently we have received reports from providers who have inadvertently used shipments of VFC purchased varicella vaccine for private use and vice versa. These providers state that it is difficult to distinguish between shipments of varicella vaccine ordered through the VFC Program from ones ordered by the clinic (for private use). According to Merck, manufacturer of varicella vaccine (Varivax®), VFC varicella orders have a **bright orange** sticker on the outside of the box that states, “**STATE OR FEDERALLY FUNDED VACCINES**.” In addition to that, the upper left hand corner of the packing slip contained within a box of VFC purchased varicella vaccine will have the provider's name in the “ship to” field and “CDC Immunization Division” in the “sold to” field. Privately purchased orders will have the same information in both the “sold to” and “ship to” fields. Please check all shipments of varicella vaccine, determine the purchaser (i.e., VFC or private), and avoid any misappropriate use of publicly purchased vaccine.

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4990 AIRCENTER CIR  
KENO, NY 89502

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1380 LUSITANA ST.  
QUEEN S POB 1  
HONOLULU, HI 96813

Sold to: CDC IMMUNIZATION DIVISION  
FNL MT OFFC LINDA KOKLEY  
PO BOX 15580  
ATLANTA, GA 30333

Special Instructions  
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Description	NDC Number	Quantity	Unit Price	Extension
STERILE DILUENT/VACCINES NOT RETURNABLE *	0006-4309-00	2	.00	.00
C VARIVAX 1 DB X 10 VIALS TAX 20 DOSES X 0.75 = 15.00 * NOT RETURNABLE *	0006-4827-00	2		
FEDERAL VACCINE INJURY TAX				
HI GENERAL EXCISE TAX				
CDC P/O #: 024086696				
ST. P/O #:				
Alt Account Id: NIA 20031				

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Distribution Code	0,0,0,0,0
Invoice Date	09/17/2002
Invoice Number	7666158
Shipment ID	6895947
Account Number	4004939
Purchase Order Number	024086696